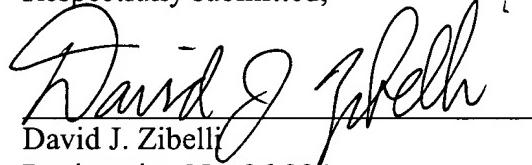


**REMARKS**

Claims 1-7, 13-23 and 25 are pending. By this Amendment, the specification has been amended to comply with the Notice of Drawing Inconsistency dated May 18, 2004, a copy of which is attached.

The Office is authorized to charge any fees due under 37 CFR §§ 1.16, 1.17 or 1.136, or credit any overpayments, to deposit account 11-0600. Should there be any questions concerning this matter, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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